

Gadby Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1971

Incorporating a report on the
sanitary circumstances of the
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J.R. Shattock, M.A.P.H.I.
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CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

J. Yorston


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J.W. Scothern

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Area in acres 2,444	Number of houses occupied 6,288
Rateable value at April 1st 1971 £1028,134	Additional occupied houses combined with shops 25
Sum represented by penny rate £10,138	Number of houses owned by the Council 431
Population (mid 1971) 19,750	

<u>BIRTHS</u>		<u>DEATHS</u>	
<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>All Causes</u>
Male	140	Male	86
Female	118	Female	77
Total	258	Total	163
	<u>Illegitimate</u>		
Male	4		
Female	4		
Total	8		
<u>Total Live Births</u>			
Male	144		
Female	122		
Total	266		
<u>Stillbirths</u>			
Male	1		
Female	1		
Total	2		
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 13.5		Deaths of infants under one year of age	
		Male	2
		Female	3
		Total	5
		Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 8.3	

Causes of Deaths

Year ending 31st December,
1971

Registrar General's Classification	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	4	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	11	2	13
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	8	13
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	2	1	3
Anaemias	-	1	1
Meningitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	22	10	32
Other forms of Heart Disease	5	7	12
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	12	20
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	8	12
Pneumonia	6	6	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	2	4
Asthma	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Birth Injury	1	1	2
Ill Defined Conditions	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	3
All Other Accidents	2	3	5
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	1	-	1
TOTAL	86	77	163

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following cases were notified :-

Scarlet Fever	11
Whooping Cough	3
Measles	16
Meningococcal Infection	1
Acute Encephalitis	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis	3

A REPORT ON THE
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE OADBY URBAN DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR 1971

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1. WATER SUPPLY

The water supplied to the district from Leicester Corporation sources has been adequate and satisfactory.

All houses in the district have a mains supply of water within the premises.

2. CESSPOOLS AND CLOSETS

There is one pail closet and fifteen cesspools within the district. 6,117 water closets serve all other houses.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

The public cleansing fleet is comprised of the following vehicles :-

3 Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic continuous loaders

1 Karrier Muskateer continuous loader

1 Karrier 1000 gallon gully emptier

1 Karrier Mechanical Sweeper

1 Whitlock Power Shovel

1 Karrier 3 ton lorry

A weekly collection of both domestic and trade refuse is given. Bulk refuse from domestic premises is collected free of charge and a Civic Amenity tip was open 24 hours per day for householders to dispose of garden refuse etc.

A Seerdrum Pulverisation Plant was in use from May, 1971 and the bulk of the district's refuse is treated in the plant. The product is then transported to the East Norton Tip. As with any mechanical means of disposal troubles have been experienced but generally the plant has settled down reasonably well and a good product is being obtained with a bulk reduction of refuse in the region of 40% being achieved. The disappointing part of this "package deal" was the incinerator supplied for the burning of bulky refuse such as furniture. This incinerator cannot be used fully due to the fact that it is basically too crude and produces smoke which contravenes the Clean Air Act. These problems are still being discussed with Messrs Vickers Ltd.

4. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

1,179 complaints were recieved. 1,165 premises were involved.

INSPECTIONS MADE

	Number of inspections
Animal Keeping	1
Bakehouses	12
Dairies	NIL
Drainage Works	206
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	2302
Infectious Disease Inquiries	48
Food Poisoning Inquiries	NIL
Food Premises	375
Refuse Collection and Disposal	2933
Rodent Control (Excluding Rodent operators visits)	194

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	Number of inspections
Schools	9
Shops and Offices	181
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	892
Smoke Control	41
Verminous & Dirty Premises	4
Caravans	5
Water Supplies	NIL
Factories and Workshops	85
Other Inspections	1147
Total	7435

NOTICES (PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS)

Notices outstanding on 1st January	7
Notices issued during year	3
Notices complied with during year	9
Notices outstanding on 31st December	1

REGULATED BUILDINGS

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Two houses were found to be infested and appropriate remedial action was taken.

5. OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	Number registered	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31. 12. 71
Offices	33	32	-	2	4	-
Retail Shops	81	88	3	16	7	10
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	20	21	-	6	6	-
Catering estbs. open to the public, canteens	9	3	-	-	1	-
Fuel Storage depots	1	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	144	145	3	24	18	10

6. PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were issued during the year, and the premises were inspected on two occasions and found to be satisfactory.

7. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One person in the area is licenced and one inspection was made of the premises.

8. FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of premises inspected	165
Number of inspections made	345
Informal notices served	7
Notices complied with	4
Notices outstanding on 31st December	3

ICE CREAM

Twenty two premises were registered for the retail sale of ice cream. Samples of ice cream were taken for analysis, five proving to be grade I, nine grade II. Four samples were not analysed due to an electricity failure at the laboratory.

9. MILK & DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Number of distributors registered 14

Number of inspections carried out 14

10. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are two slaughterhouses in the area which are licenced and comply with the standards required by the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) and Slaughter of Animal's (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958. All 15,930 animals killed were inspected with the following results :-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	2,511	96	245	13069	7	2
Number inspected	2,511	96	245	13069	7	2
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	10	27	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	225	8	-	87	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	9.04	9.37	4.08	.807	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refriger- ation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The weight of meat condemned was 3 tons 2 cwts. 14 lbs.

Other foods condemned were :-

Cooked meats & meat products	4 lbs.
Canned meats	2 cwts. 60 lbs.
Other canned foods	50 lbs.
Fish (fresh)	-
Fruit & Vegetables (fresh)	-
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown	4 cwts. 75 lbs.

11. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Three complaints of noise were received during the year. All were remedied by either baffling the equipment or the equipment housing.

12. SWIMMING BATHS

Eighteen inspections were carried out. Thirty six samples of water were taken from the swimming pool, all of which were satisfactory.

13. RODENT CONTROL

Rodent control work was carried out by Rentokil Ltd., during 1971. 193 infestations were dealt with.

14. HOUSING

Inspection of dwelling houses

Number of houses inspected	147
Number of inspections made	236

Improvement Grants

Four applications were received for Discretionary Grants, and nineteen for Standard Grants as follows :-

Applications from owner/occupiers ...	9
Applications from owners of rented property	14
Applications approved	17
Applications refused	6
Properties improved during 1971	12

New Houses

Houses completed during 1971

Local Authority	20
Private Enterprise	215

Houses in course of construction at 31st December

Local Authority	NIL
Private Enterprise	37

Total post-war construction

Local Authority	384
Private Enterprise	4585

Local Authority Housing List

Applications received during 1971 60. Total applications listed 135.

15. FACTORIES

There were 92 factories registered. No inspections were carried out.

There were 9 outworkers registered.

16. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No major problems were encountered during 1971.



